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OUR COLLEGE.

The Kentucky Normal College is Prosperous and Growing.

Louisa is a college town. Have you realized that important fact and given it due weight? Why, they have been coming on every train. Just stand on the street corner about 4 p. m., and look at the bright, intelligent faces of the hundreds—yes, hundreds of students from our college. These young representatives of the sturdy, honest people of the mountains have learned that they can not be robbed of an education, and that to obtain this priceless thing they will do best in the Kentucky Normal College. Acting upon this knowledge they have already come, are coming, and will continue to come. Up both rivers, up both railroads, out where there is neither river nor rail—all over Eastern Kentucky, in fact, it has become known in spite of malicious reports to the contrary, that our school is a very pronounced success; that all students, no matter how many, those who come, are being and will be, welcomed and cared for in the best possible manner.

The students from abroad have been questioned regarding their reception and treatment here, and there is but one answer: We were never treated better. The NEWS learns that some one has started a rumor that the price of boarding has been raised. This is just the opposite of the truth. It has been lowered. And right here the editor of the NEWS desires to say the people of Louisa, regardless of pecuniary worth, have better eating and more of than have the people of any other place with which he is acquainted. And their hospitality is proverbial. The poorest of us, if we could afford it, would be glad to take into our homes these fine looking, sturdy young men, and these handsome bright looking young women and keep them just for hospitality's sake. We have not brought the Kentucky Normal College to Louisa as a financial speculation, but we want it for the great good it must accomplish for our children and the youth of the mountains. The outlook for the attainment of this desirable object is very bright. At the beginning the outlook was not very rosy. There were many natural obstacles to be cleared away, and malice and envy began their dirty work. In spite of all the school came, opened, flourished and grew until now it does seem as if nothing could injure it. See how we close that last sentence? Of course, we, the people, the citizens of Louisa, are component parts of the Kentucky Normal College. We grow, in a sense, with its growth, and if it should fall ours would be the loss. But "in the bright lexicon" of the Kentucky Normal College "there is no such word as fall." It is here, and here to stay.

A Successful Salesman.

R. J. Chaffin has signed a contract with Hagen, Ratcliff and Co., of Huntington, for another year's services as traveling salesman. Mr. Chaffin, received a check for an extra \$150.00 from them at the close of the old year, in recognition of his valuable services. He is one of the most popular and successful salesmen the past years out far beyond the requirements of his contract. His men on the road. His sales during many friends here are pleased to hear of his success.

"Happyland"

A very gay party of Louisians went to Huntington Tuesday afternoon, returning on the midnight N. and W. The object of the trip, primarily was to see and hear De Wolf Hopper in the musical play of "Happy Land." The following ladies and gentlemen composed the party:

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Burchett, Jr., Misses Mollie and Lizzie Bromley, Emily Carey, Kate Freese, Heloise Thomas, Lella Snyder, Bessie Freese, Lute Yates, Willie Frazer, Messrs. Thos. L. Muncester, R. D. Jackson, H. G. Wellman, C. T. Rule, G. R. Burgess, Dr. M. G. Watson.

H. A. Scholze has returned to Ford, Ky. where he is in charge of the U. S. improvement on the Kentucky river at that point.

The Pure Food Law.

The National Pure Food Law, which went into effect last Tuesday, affects classes of merchants, the wholesale grocers, druggists and, as well in a lesser extent the retail dealers in the various commodities which have a food or medicinal value.

The classes of merchants who come under the provisions of the law have been preparing for the past two months to comply with the regulations. The relabeling of goods does not become immediately necessary, as under the statute the retailer may keep on hand until October 1, 1907, all goods at present in stock, and dispose of them, but after that time, he desires to sell these goods, he must have all relabeled.

The wholesale druggists must see that all goods received from outside of the State after to-day are properly labeled, before disposing of them to their customers. If any preparation is designated as a cure for any ailment, and is proved to be not an absolute cure, it may be called a tonic or remedy, but not a cure.

Also, all patent medicines must be labeled with the percentage of alcohol or narcotics which they contain. Those prepared within the borders of the State may be sold within the State without this label.

The goods that are on hand at the wholesale druggists now need not be relabeled for interstate shipments, but if they desire to sell them outside of Kentucky, they must be properly stamped. Many remedies that claim to apply to a dozen ailments must change the nature of their label, and state only as to what diseases they are specific.

The goods must also have relabeled all goods received in interstate shipments after Jan. 1, with the proper designation of their contents. For instance, some brands of lard, sold to be "leaf" lard, and the distinctive trade mark must be changed. The potted or deviled chicken which is not chicken at all, but beef tongue trimmings and scraps, is also decorated with the 23 mark. Then the combination lard, which is cotton-seed oil, may not be called "lard."

Apple butter, which has been sold for years as such in many cases, is not apple butter. Recent shipments received by a Louisville house were labeled "Imitation Apple Butter."

Landslide On N. & W.

Heavy rains along the N. and W. Big Sandy division, were responsible for a landslide, which settled a rock weighing several tons across the main line, near Wartfield, early Sunday morning. Onto this obstruction a heavy west-bound freight train, drawn by engine No. 715, plunged in the fog, with sufficient force to ruin the engine, while four of the loaded gondolas piled upon each other in a heap. Engineer John R. Fitzer has his ankle and knee badly bruised from jumping, but otherwise escaped unhurt. The rails were badly torn up, and it required hours for the wrecking crew to put the track once more in shape.

Three Sided.

The Triangle Club, Miss Lillian McHenry hostess, was delightfully entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. M. S. Burns. Miss McHenry's sister, Formality was thrown to the winds on this very pleasant occasion, and each guest, by voice and manner, declared it a very good fortune to have been asked to such a happy occasion. Cards invited to their innocent diversion, and then came the inevitable. If you know Louisians you can fill this blank and you must fill it completely with all that makes a most inviting luncheon. The function is suggestive of much, but the NEWS to-day can only add the names of those who were present:

Miss Yates, Mr. Muncester, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. C. J. Carey, Miss Butler, Miss O'Brien, Miss Carey, Mr. Burgess, Miss McClure, Miss Lella Snyder, Miss Bessie Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vinson, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Moore, and Miss Mary Harkins, of Prestonsburg.

Election of Officers.

On Thursday, Dec. 27, Apperson Lodge, F. and A. M., held its annual election of officers with the following result: T. J. Snyder, W. M.; A. J. Conley, S. W.; C. C. Hill, J. W.; J. W. Jones, Sec.; Augustus Snyder, Treas.; N. D. Waldeck, S. D.; A. M. Hulse, J. D.; Thomas Branham, T. The Trustees of the building are Augustus Snyder, E. E. Shannon and Thomas Branham.

TELEPHONE RATES

Are Higher Than We Were Led to Believe They Would Be.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company has announced its rates from Louisa to long distance points most desired by local patrons.

They are as follows: Huntington, 25c; Catlettsburg, 35c; Ashland, 40c; Paintsville, 25c; Prestonsburg, 35c.

These rates are from 50 to 100 per cent higher than those named by the officials of the company before they secured the concessions desired here.

The editor of the NEWS asked Mr. Williamson, the Superintendent in charge of this district, what the rates would be from Louisa to these points and he said six-tenths of a cent per mile. We asked him whether the mileage to Catlettsburg and Ashland would be computed by way of Huntington and he said not; but that the railroad mileage would be the basis. This would make the rate to Catlettsburg fifteen cents and to Ashland eighteen cents. Mr. Williamson added that a point that figured out seventeen or eighteen cents would probably be fixed at twenty cents, and other amounts would be made even in that way.

This statement was made to us, however, when the company was trying to get into Louisa. Before and after makes a considerable difference, just as we predicted. It would on any point not covered by an absolute contract. Yet, they raise the cry that any one who refuses to surrender to their every request without a protest is against them for some selfish or unaccountable reason.

"The people make a mistake in giving these strong corporations the opportunity to take advantage of them in any way."

Mrs. F. L. Stewart Entertained.

One of the most elegant receptions of the season was given last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. F. L. Stewart at her beautiful Main street home. Her delighted guests were her sister members of the Flinch Club, some residents of Louisa, and Misses Bertha Watson, of Ashland, and Miss Nell Sweetnam, of Catlettsburg, and Miss Lucy Holdery, of Huntington. When this famous club, the Flinchers, meets it is primarily and essentially for games and cozy reception room were full of tables, and later on, in point of fullness the guests resembled the rooms!

The NEWS is "right there" in the matter of the good things of this life, but it is weak when it comes to telling about cups made of oranges, and baskets of bananas, and it must pass this part of the Stewart affair; but they do say that nothing nicer was ever seen hereabouts. The meeting adjourned at a late hour, satisfied and happy.

How Did You Earn That \$?

The "experience meeting" mentioned in the NEWS a couple of weeks ago occurred at the South Methuett parlance last Friday evening. The ladies of the church had promised that each would earn a dollar for the church, and tell what she did to make the one hundred cents. They and their friends met in goodly numbers, and the experiences told were instructive, interesting and amusing. The \$ \$ earned and the sale of refreshments netted the church, through these worthy women, very nearly four score of the 4-quarter coins.

A Ripe Old Age.

Mr. James K. Chapman writes us from Paris, Ill., that he recently visited Nelson McClure at Annapolis, Park county, Ind. The latter is in his 94th year. He is an uncle of George and Harvey McClure, of Gallup, this county, and of Mrs. Nancy Billups, of this place, and Prof. T. B. McClure, of Wayne. He left Big Sandy more than half a century ago.

During the holiday season Miss Emily Carey entertained several of her young friends one evening very pleasantly indeed. The affair was informal; but none the less enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. Lock Moore spent Christmas with the family of James Prince, of Ind. They have moved into the Charter Wellman house, on Lock avenue, property recently purchased by Mr. Moore.

The Rice Reunion.

The memory of the distinguished Judge John M. Rice and his noble wife was beautifully brightened last Sunday by a gathering of their descendants at the hospitable home of his youngest daughter, Mrs. B. F. Thomas. The children present, besides Mrs. Thomas, were John M. Rice, Mrs. James McConnell and Mrs. James Lackey. The children-in-law to coin an expression, were Mrs. John M. Rice, Mrs. Joe Rice, Mr. B. F. Thomas, Mr. James McConnell and Mr. J. Q. Lackey. The grandchildren were Miss Heloise Thomas, Mrs. Frances McConnell Crowell, James Rice and Junior Lackey. The dead son, Will, and the grandson, Alex, in far-off California, were present in the tender thoughts and loving words of their living kin.

When an assemblage of this or almost any other sort gathers at Ben Thomas' life's creature comforts are not forgotten. But this meeting was out of the ordinary, and the hosts rose to the occasion. In large profusion the choicest edibles of this goodly land of ours were served to the goodly company, and there was no detail of cuisine, service or table that was not perfect. With music and reminiscences the day passed delightfully, all sorry that it should close so soon.

The next reunion will be held at James Q. Lackey's. May there be no vacant chair!

Consumers Will Know.

On and after Tuesday—providing the national pure food law is complied with by all druggists—mothers will know exactly how much opium they are giving their infants in each dose of soothing syrup; the society dame with "just the best in the world when you are tired," tonic will know the proportion of cocaine or chloroform in each spoonful; and the devotees of one, or several, brands of "bitters" who is eloquent in denouncing "rum" and the "rum traffic," will learn, with more or less surprise, exactly how much alcohol there is in a quart bottle. The law provides specifically that the percentage of all these things, and of all these things, and of other narcotics and poisons, be printed plainly on a label on every bottle of "patent" or other medicine shipped from one to another state.

Oh My!

While considerable criticism is given women's clubs and the amount of time wasted upon them, yet there is one advantage they offer which cannot be denied: when it comes the turn of a member to entertain the club, dirt, and cobwebs are cleaned out that had not been disturbed for months.

A New Landlord.

S. Isom has sold out to G. W. Hamilton, formerly of Olive Hill. Mr. Isom has not decided upon a location for the future and is still here. He is a very worthy man and good citizen. Mr. Hamilton has been engaged in the hotel business heretofore.

Ring in, Ring Out.

This entreaty, exhortation, injunction or command, which ever you may call it, was obeyed in Louisa last Monday night; and from the racket made it is likely that all four of these forms were employed in having the ringing done. In a flood of silvery radiance from a full-robed moon 1906 joined the 1905 years gone forever, and 1907, with its joys of pain and pleasure, joys and griefs, was ushered in. May our days be full of happiness, far outnumbering those of pain and sorrow.

Mrs. Edw. O'Roark, daughter of Hon. John York, of Kenova, died at her home in Grayson, Ky., last Friday.

Mrs. O'Roark was sick only one week, her ailment being pronounced by her physician to be peritonitis.

The body was brought to Kenova Saturday where it was reinterred to Yorkville, Wayne county, for burial. The deceased was a very estimable woman and had scores of warm friends in this city, whose sympathies go out to the three small children who are now motherless, and to the bereaved husband.

Mr. O'Roark is a native of this county and well known in Louisa, where he has many relatives and friends.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

R. E. Stanley, of Prestonsburg, is the victim of a slick horse thief who Saturday last succeeded in selling him an animal he had stolen from a Mrs. Jacobs, of Knott county.

John A. Bentley, of Pikeville, has sold to the General Lumber Co., a large tract of timber. The consideration, it is understood, is in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Major Jas. F. Stewart is dead here. He had a distinguished military career in the Civil War, and after the war he practiced law in Paintsville, Ky., for twenty years.

Three prisoners—Flemming, Francis and Hurley—who were in the Pike county jail in default of bail, by some mishap on the part of the jailer, escaped Sunday night and fled to parts unknown.

Darby died at his home, near the Mouth of Beaver, Tuesday, from consumption. Mr. Darby had been in poor health for several months, yet not seriously so, thought his family and friends, and his death was a great shock to them. He leaves a wife and five children.

Pikeville, Ky., Dec. 28. Col. Jack Hendricks, the once loyal Kentuckian, as our people thought, but now a New Yorker, is in our midst filing old Virginia land grants for taxation, claiming them to the exclusion of our people, who have actually expended enough labor upon their homes at a fair per diem to buy Jack. He is in avowedly as South African diamonds. Some of our citizens from the sections that are being claimed by this syndicate were in the city yesterday, and sent an invitation to those gentlemen to come up and put even a foot upon their birth-spot, assuring them that they would have to expend less energy in taking their leave than in coming.

Pitts, Hankins and Trundle, vs. Daniel Centers.—Filed December 12, 1906. (Not to be reported.) Appeal from Floyd Circuit Court. Opinion of the court by Cerrill, Commissioner, reversing.

Master and Servant—Injury of Servant—Negligence of Fellow servant.—Laborer who was directed by the foreman, in connection with other laborers, to remove a large rock from a public road where it had been thrown by a blast, cannot recover from the contractor in control of the work for an injury received in removing said rock by the slipping of a crowbar, where the accident was due entirely to the acts, whether negligent or not, of his fellow-laborers.

Walter S. Harkins for appellant; James Goeble, May and May for appellee.

One killed and another fatally wounded formed a Christmas tragedy on Boone's Fork eight miles above Seigent, Will Elswick, aged twenty-one, and Clark Vanover, aged twenty-four, were the participants.

Elswick struck Vanover three times across the forehead with a shotgun, knocking him to the ground. Regaining his feet, Vanover fired two shots from a forty-five-caliber Colt's revolver, one of which entered Elswick's right side, ranging up past the heart, killing him instantly. Floundering his revolver in midair, Vanover walked into the hotel of William Warrick, near where the tragedy occurred, and with an oath, declared "there is more blood in my gun," and attempted to take the life of Warrick. Vanover then swooned from loss of blood, and at this hour is still unconscious. He has three desperate wounds on the forehead, and the doctors say he will die, though Ben Foster, a police officer guarding him, reported the wounded man somewhat improved.

It is an old saying that trouble never comes singly, and this is clearly exemplified in the case of Irvin Ford, of Prestonsburg, Ky. Mr. Ford brought his wife here Monday to have an operation performed upon her at the Deaconess Hospital for gill stones, and yesterday received a telegram stating that their home had had burned to the ground and that all they had in it was totally destroyed. While Dr. Kelle, would probably rather not have anything and about it, his philanthropy and charity in a recent case is not mentioned, for as an act of kindness he has rarely been equaled. Dr. Kelle recently performed an operation on a woman for the removal of gall stones. The fee for the operation had been paid in advance, and when Dr. Kelle learned that the woman and her husband had the misfortune to lose their home and its contents on the same day the operation was performed, he returned the fee to the patient and would accept not one penny for his work. Dr. Kelle has been known to do these things before, but he was always successful in keeping them from the public—Ironton Ironclad.

Well Known Woman Dead.

The aged widow of the late Stephen Marcum, formerly of Fort Gay, died last Monday at the advanced age of 96 years. After the death of her husband Mrs. Marcum resided in Fort Gay until a daughter, Mrs. John Dotson moved to Devon, up the N. and W. railway, and here she died on the day mentioned. The body was brought to Fort Gay and was buried near that place on Wednesday, with funeral services conducted by the Rev. Burrell Akers, of the Baptist church. This was in compliance with her expressed desire. She was buried by the side of her husband, who has been dead about 13 years.

Mrs. Marcum was a very strong character. She was intelligent and took of much interest in the happenings of the country. She was deeply attached to her large family, six boys and four girls, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood under her motherly care. These are the children:

Mrs. John Dotson, Mrs. Robert Simpkins, of War Eagle, W. Va., Mrs. P. J. Cahill, of New York city, Mrs. Baker, wife of Dr. M. Baker, Central City, Capt. T. D. Marcum and Capt. P. S. Marcum, of Catlettsburg, J. H. Lee and J. S. Marcum, of Huntington, and W. W. Marcum, of Ceredo.

They and many friends and relatives from Catlettsburg, Huntington and other cities attended the funeral.

Bridge Dividend.

The Louisa and Fort Gay Bridge Company directors decided to pay a dividend of four per cent from the business of the past six months. The remainder of the earnings are held for a sinking fund and other purposes. The bridge is making decidedly satisfactory showing, the receipts going beyond the expectations of those who promoted the enterprise.

"Yellow Goose."

This organization in large numbers and with many guests assembled first in the reception room and then in the refectory of the Brunswick last Thursday night. The session was purely a social one, the members being out for enjoyment, and that they had it, in large chunks, is sure. They had a good time in the parlor, and then the delights of the table began. The festal board was weighted with all manner of good things. It wasn't a mere luncheon, it was an elegant supper, in all the name implies. To give the full menu would make the mouth of the Big Sandy water.

The guests and club members present were:

Misses Mollie and Lizzie Bromley, Lute Yates, Bessie Snyder, Kate Freese, Lella Snyder, Emily Carey, Jane O'Brien, Bertha Watson, Gene McClure, Lillian McHenry, Messrs. T. L. Muncester, Charles Cain, Herman Fulkerson, Dr. Meek, Capt. W. O. Johnson, U. S. A., J. W. Hall, H. G. Wellman, W. O. Tracy, Jack Richmond, C. T. Rule, George R. Burgess.

Degrees and Banquet.

Apperson Chapter, R. A., met in regular convocation last Saturday night. Companions J. W. King, of Ashland, and Harry Kilgore, of Catlettsburg, were present and assisted in the work of conferring the beautiful degrees. At a late hour the Chapter closed in due form and repaired to the Brunswick Hotel for refreshment. This was served most abundantly and richly, all the substantial and delicacies being served to the hungry partakers of the feast.

Services at M. E. Church South.

Regular services as follows: (We use central standard time.)

Prayer Meeting, each Wednesday at 6:30 p. m.

Sabbath School, each Sabbath at 9 a. m.

Proaching each Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and at 6:30 p. m.

You are cordially invited to attend all these services. Strangers in the town specially invited to worship with us. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord has spoken good concerning Israel."

O. F. Williams, Pastor.

Miss Jessie Hughes, and Bert Perdue, of Wayne, W. Va., obtained a marriage license Sunday afternoon from Deputy County Clerk Maline McClung, and the ceremony was performed at the Boyd County Clerk's office by Rev. J. W. Crites, pastor of the M. E. church, South.

M. B. Sparks, the big cattle dealer of Louisa, Lawrence county, was here during the past week, and drove out a large number of fine cattle—Letcher co. item.